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## CHINA READY TO YIELD

Preliminary Joint Note Will Be Presented To-day.

## ANSWER EXPECTED BY THURSDAY

Li Hung Chang Well Enough to Attend with Prince Ching to Receive Powers Views from the Spanish Minister—Dr. Morrison Says Officials Declare Acceptance Assured—Minister Wu Regards the Terms as Harsh and Severe.

Peking, Dec. 23.—Li Hung Chang, answering an inquiry from the foreign press regarding his health, said he believed he would be able to attend the meeting to-morrow in order to accept with Prince Ching the preliminary joint note.

The note will be presented by the Spanish Minister, Senor B. J. De Coloman, dean of the diplomatic corps, with a few words expressive of a hope of a prompt reply to the note which has been carefully prepared, with every desire to continue the dynasty and not to be hard upon the nation, and of a further hope that the Chinese plenipotentiaries will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face."

An answer is expected about Thursday. Officials predict acceptance. London, Dec. 24.—Dr. Morrison, writing the Times from Peking Saturday, says that official Chinese leaders declare that China will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face."

Paris, Dec. 23.—The semi-official Temps announces, in confirmation of the press dispatches, that the viceroys of the provinces of Hu-Pei and Hu-Nan declares that Wu-Chang will be made an open port.

Diplomatic circles discussed with interest yesterday the provisions of the joint agreement which has been signed by the representatives of the powers at Peking for presentation to the Chinese plenipotentiaries. The hope is generally expressed that the latter will act promptly in the acceptance of the note, and thus pave the way for prompt negotiations for the settlement of peace terms.

Minister Wu Disappointed. To Mr. Wu, the Chinese Minister, the demands made by the powers are a keen disappointment, and are not such, in his opinion, as should have animated the government which have the ultimate best interests of the Chinese Empire at heart.

He regards them as harsh and severe, but expects the hope that they will be discussed by both sides in an amicable and conciliatory spirit, and that the powers eventually will ameliorate the objectionable features.

Wu expects that while Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching are fully qualified to act in the matter, yet the terms of the note will be sent by telegraph to the court at its present abode, which is connected with Peking by telegraph.

## PRINCE OSCAR MUCH BETTER

Condition of Swedish Crown Prince's Elder Son Improving—The condition of Prince Oscar, Duke of Scania, eldest son of the Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway, who had been seriously ill, is now much improved.

The disappearance of Lieut. Conn Smith, military attaché of the Swedish and Norwegian Legation in Berlin, is attributed to mental derangement.

The weather in Stockholm is the mildest it has been known here for many years at the Christmas season.

## ITO CABINET MAY FALL

Hoshi Taro, Former Minister to This Country, Forced to Resign Portfolio. Yokohama, Dec. 23.—Hoshi Taro, minister of communications and formerly Japanese Minister to the United States, has resigned his portfolio in consequence of the recent allegations of his implication in financial scandals. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hara, former Minister to the United States.

## BERLIN'S GROWING POPULATION

Gains Over 300,000 in Five Years—Trolley Displacing Street Motors. Berlin, Dec. 23.—The population of Berlin, including the suburbs, is 2,439,576, as compared with 2,139,576 in 1885.

The electric trolley system is rapidly displacing the storage battery system on the busiest streets of Berlin.

The disappearance of the aeronaut, will soon address the German Colonies, and the prospects of utilizing his airship.

## RUSSIA'S OFFER HAD STRONG ATTACHED

London, Dec. 23.—Russia offered Roumania a loan of 100,000,000 francs, says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Express, "to assist her in the financial crisis, but the offer was declined, because Roumania had been attacked by the German Roumanian independence."

## GENEROUS POLICE YIELD TO LABOR UNIONS

Genoa, Dec. 23.—The strike caused by the closing by the prefect of police of the Bureau of Labor Unions came to an end today on the announcement that the prefect had been ordered to a reconstruction of the bureau.

## CHILE PREPARE TO BE BUILT HERE

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 23.—The government of Chile, which recently invited leaders for 800 freight cars, has accepted 20 from Doeche & Co. and 100 from W. R. Gray & Co., all of American manufacture.

## BLACK KNIGHT FOR VON BUELOW

Berlin, Dec. 23.—This afternoon Emperor William visited the imperial chancellery, Count von Buelow, and personally conferred upon him the insignia of the Order of the Black Eagle.

## GIRLS STRIKE IN SYMPATHY

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 23.—Two hundred girls employed at the Wyoming Valley Forge, this city, have notified the management that they will not report for work to-morrow. They go out in sympathy with the weavers of the mill, who have been out on strike for nine months. The failure of the girls to report for work will necessitate total suspension.

## ALABAMA VISITED BY A TORNADO

Macon, Miss., Dec. 23.—News was received here to-day that a tornado passed through the eastern edge of Nobeux County, near the place of employment of the late President, and caused great damage. On several plantations, houses were blown down. Two negroes were known to have been killed.

## PRIVATE WATCHMAN KILLED AND ROBBED

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23.—John Kappleman, a private watchman, was found to-day near his place of employment with his hands beaten out. His pockets had been rifled of his wages, paid him this night. No arrests have yet been made.

## CANNOT ACCEPT TREATY

England a North American Power, and Will Stand Upon Her Rights.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times, in an editorial on President McKinley's decision to submit the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty to Great Britain, reproaches him with "shifting a dangerous responsibility on the British government, and says: 'The President must bear the responsibility for any friction that may ensue. The amended treaty is a bargain to which we cannot agree, and to which no reasonable American who takes the trouble to reflect upon our side of the question can expect us to agree.'"

"When Senator Lodge announced that Americans expect Europe to 'keep out' of America, he forgets that England is a great North American power, and means to remain such a power."

"If the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is not adopted in a form acceptable to us, we shall stand quietly upon our indubitable rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which cannot be affected by any action the American Senate may choose to take."

## DOUBLE SKATING TRAGEDY

Girl and Her Escort Drowned, the Latter While Aiding Rescuers.

Susquehanna, Pa., Dec. 23.—While a party of young people were skating upon the ice on the Susquehanna River last night at State Line, four miles north of Susquehanna, the ice broke and two of the number—Miss Ida McKune, of State Line, aged twenty-two, and Arthur Munson, of Lanesboro, aged twenty-two—were seen to have disappeared from view. McKune's body disappeared from view, but Munson succeeded in reaching shore.

He hurried to the farm house near by for help, and while working with the rescuing party a few minutes later he went through the ice a second time and was drowned. The bodies were recovered several hours later. McKune's body was recovered from the river, and was found to have been engaged in the search for the bodies. Munson was employed in the Erie Railroad shop at Susquehanna, and McKune was employed by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company at State Line.

## PENNSYLVANIA STREET RAILWAYS

Only Twenty Out of Ninety-four Paying—Killed 1,582 People Last Year.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—The total income of the ninety-four street railway companies operating in Pennsylvania during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900, was \$3,471,387.

The report of Chief Brown, of the State bureau of railways, says the total amount of capital stock outstanding of the operating street railways for the year was \$106,175,121, and the taxes paid during the year was \$1,579,234.

Of the total number of operating companies there were 109 that pay dividends. The total disbursements for the year were \$2,358,312, as against \$2,788,683 in 1899; number of employees, 141,400; amount paid for fuel, 1,000,000; total number of passengers carried, 538,194,338.

The total number of persons killed during the year was 1,582.

## FORMER CONGRESSMAN POOLE DEAD

Represented Syracuse District of New York from 1884 to 1896—111 Years.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Theodore L. Poole, United States marshal for the Northern district of New York State, member of the Fifty-fourth Congress from 1884 to 1885, and a veteran, died of apoplexy this morning.

Theodore L. Poole was born at Elbridge, Onondaga County, N. Y., April 10, 1840, of New England ancestry. He was educated in the common schools of his native county. He enlisted as quartermaster sergeant in the 121st New York Volunteer Infantry in July, 1862. He was wounded and lost his left arm at the battle of Cold Harbor, Va., in June, 1864. He was discharged as captain and brevet major July 3, 1865.

He then became county clerk of Onondaga County from 1868 until 1870, and United States pension agent for the Western district of New York from 1880 to 1882. He became department commander of the Department of New York, Grand division of the Republic. He was at one time engaged in the manufacture of salt, and was interested in various manufacturing and mercantile enterprises. At the time of his election to Congress he was one of the directors of the Bank of Syracuse. He was elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress as a Republican from the Twenty-ninth New York district.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—John Riley Chamberlain, a veteran of the civil war and a graduate of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, died here to-night, aged seventy-two. He had been engaged in a newspaper work in Cincinnati for thirty-five years, most of that time with the Associated Press. The deceased had been a widower twenty years. He left two children.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Samuel M. Morison, the wealthiest citizen of the State, died of heart failure here to-day, aged seventy-three years. Mr. Morison had been in 1850 from Cincinnati, where he had been engaged in the wholesale liquor business.

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## AARONSON DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Contracted Disease During the Madison Square Garden Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec. 23.—By an autopsy performed on the body of Oscar Aaronson, the six-day bicyclist, to-day, it was found that he had died from pneumonia, instead of injuries from the fall he had in the Madison Square Garden race. He contracted pneumonia, however, during the race.

The body was removed to Aaronson's home in Brooklyn, and the funeral probably will take place to-morrow.

## SENATOR HANNA IN FLORIDA

Miami, Fla., Dec. 23.—United States Senator Mark A. Hanna and family will arrive in Miami to-night on a special train over the East Coast Railroad. The holidays will be spent in Miami, West Palm Beach, and the other points of interest in Southern Florida. The special train will leave Jacksonville at 7:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## KILLED BY ELECTRIC STREET CAR

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Charles M. Miller, assistant engineer of the Montana division of the Great Northern Railway, was killed by an electric car to-night while crossing the street. His skull was fractured and he died while being carried to the hospital. Mr. Miller's headquarters were at Williston, N. D., and he was on a visit to relatives in this city.

## SCHOONER BEACHED TO AVOID SINKING

Lewes, Del., Dec. 23.—The three-masted schooner J. Howell Leeds, with a cargo of fertilizer, Philadelphia, for Wilmington, N. C., sprung a bad leak and ran inside of Assateague, Va., harbor. She was beached by life-savers to prevent sinking and is now lying in an easy position.

## EVERY MOVEMENT HURTS

When you have rheumatism, muscles feel stiff and sore and joints are painful. It does not pay to suffer long from this disease when it may be cured so promptly and perfectly by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine goes right to the spot, neutralizes the acidity of the blood, which causes rheumatism, and puts an end to the pain and suffering.

Biliousness is cured by Hood's Pills. 2c.

## BOERS STILL FIGHTING

Clements' Force Engaged and a Railroad Cut.

KITCHENER'S REPORTS HOPEFUL

Meager Details of Running Engagement South of the Magaliesburg River—Gordon in Pursuit of Beyers' Command—Cape Dutch Elated, Predict Rising of Victoria West District—Colonists Hunting Missing Dynamite—Cabinet's Sunday Sitting.

London, Dec. 23.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22: "As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been driven back into the district of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized, which will be dispatched immediately when I know where their services are most wanted."

"The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, as far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. The Boer commandos are being hunted down, and their communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather."

Running Fight Along the Magaliesburg. "De Wet is in the neighborhood of Senekal, Gen. French, in conjunction with Gen. Clements, attacked a force under Beyers, south of the Magaliesburg. Beyers broke away in a southerly direction, toward Potchefstroom, and were followed by Gen. Gordon with a column of French's force."

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I do not yet know the result."

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up."

"Gen. French has been in contact for two days with the commandos of Beyers and Delarey, south of the Magaliesburg. He is pursuing them. The enemy have lost considerably, and Commandant Kruse and others have been captured."

"Gen. Colville engaged two separate commandos December 21 near Vlakfontein, with slight losses, the enemy retreating."

De Wet's Raid Underestimated. London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener's dispatches, breathing a confidence hardly justified by their contents, are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa, but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but rosy hues.

Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 6,000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well-planned affair. In connection with this a correspondent sends an extremely interesting letter, dated Bethlehem, Deland, describing Gen. De Wet and his doings.

"De Wet has never been taken seriously enough," says the correspondent. "It is of little use to pursue him, as he fights a rear guard action and gains twenty miles while he is being followed. He is a born military genius, whose wonderful powers have kept up this phase of the war."

"Once he falls, the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He has every single man under his hand. He has a large force of men, and he is a born military genius, whose wonderful powers have kept up this phase of the war."

Cape Cabinet's Sunday Sitting. The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday (Sunday). It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railway bridge, and that the Boers have been driven back to Bloemfontein for three days.

Further anxiety has been caused in Cape Town by the discovery that during the last two months public bodies in one of the way-placed have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of the explosive, and is sending a force of arms and ammunition from suspected depots.

Other advices from Cape Town represent the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers, and as boasting that the entire district of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is expected in Cape Town that the force traveling from Zoutpansberg will be met by the Boers, and that the Boers will be met by the Boers.

Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Boers are active between Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts; and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg."

Canadian Troops Home from Africa. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The steamer Lake Champlain, having on board Col. Otter and 350 Canadian troops, returning from South Africa, arrived this morning at Liverpool. The ship was met by the order to land at St. John, N. B., here, where the troops will be landed. The order to land at St. John, N. B., here, where the troops will be landed.

The time saved by the change will enable the British to get home for Christmas. They started this afternoon on a special train for Montreal and Toronto.

## COSTLY MOUNTS FOR BOER WAR

30,000 More Horses Bought Here—Cost \$360 a Head Landed at Cape Town.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Capt. Heygate, of the British army, is purchasing 30,000 more horses and mules for the British army in South Africa. He came here more than a year ago to buy horses and mules, and was ordered home a short time ago. But the unexpected renewal of hostilities has made the purchase of more horses and mules necessary. As fast as the animals are inspected and bought they will be sent to New Orleans, and shipped to Cape Town, Durban, and New London, on British transports, some of which are now on their way to the United States. One ship load of the animals will be taken to South Africa by Lieut. David Moberly, leaving New Orleans soon after January 1. Lieut. Moberly said: "By the time the horses and mules are landed in South Africa, they will have cost the British government \$360 a head. There is a large price for an animal which will be fit for service only six weeks. Most of the animals die because of the change in climate. They must cross the equator in going to South Africa, and the torrid heat of the tropics kills them off rapidly. The average death rate on shipboard is thirty-two to the 1,000. Forty days after a horse is purchased in Kansas City it is landed in South Africa."

"So great is the demand for horses at the front that it is impossible to give them the needed rest after landing before putting them into service. Consequently they go to the front in a weakened condition, and not getting a sufficient amount of food, soon die."

"Since the beginning of the Boer war England has purchased over 100,000 head of horses and mules in the United States. It required thirty-five ships to carry them from New Orleans to South Africa. Government transports will be kept very busy from now on carrying the horses which England will need in South Africa. And while we have been ordered to purchase in the United States, Baden-Powell now has 25,000 mounted police, and it is proposed to mount 50,000 more. Such a force, England has discovered that her soldiers must be mounted to be able to fight with the Boer, who sweep the country with alarming rapidity."

## STATUE OF LAFAYETTE HERE

Archbishop Ireland Says Project Is Being Considered.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Archbishop John Ireland returned to St. Paul to-day, and took occasion to deny the statements recently telegraphed from Duluth, that he was to visit Cuba and Porto Rico as a special commissioner appointed by President McKinley to settle disputes in regard to the division of church property.

There is nothing whatever to the story, said the archbishop, kept very quiet, and he said that the project of a statue was not mentioned by the President nor by any one on behalf of the government. If I should ever visit the islands, I have no present intention of doing so, and would be purely on my own account.

The archbishop said that his principal object in visiting Washington was to attend a meeting of the Lafayette Monument Association.

"We found that after all the expenses of erecting the bronze statue in Paris," he said, "we still had on hand \$30,000. We also decided to duplicate the memorial statue in Washington, and other American cities, provided an additional amount can be raised. The matter will be definitely settled at a meeting to be held in Chicago early in January."

In Chicago I attended a meeting of the Marquette Monument Society. The society voted to erect a monument to Father Marquette at Point St. Ignace, on the north shore of Mackinac Straits, from which point the explorer set out on his voyage which resulted in the discovery of the Upper Mississippi. The design has not yet been selected nor has the sculptor been determined on."

## TAMMANY'S VICE CRUSADERS

Lewis Nixon Says His Committee Proposes to Close Up Gambling Dens.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Tammany committee of five, appointed to look into vice in this city, will hold a meeting to-morrow. Speaking of the work of the committee, Lewis Nixon, its chairman, said to-night: "We have our own system of checking up the work of the police in relation to our complaints, and if we find that places supposed to be closed are really open, we will proceed against the captains responsible. We will have charges preferred against the captains and have them tried."

## TRACTION LINES TIED UP

Officials Man the Only Cars Run in the Lackawanna Valley.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 23.—Every one of the 39 cars and barn employed on the Scranton Railway Company obeyed the strike order, which went into effect at 5 o'clock this morning, and as a consequence only two cars were running in all of the Lackawanna Valley to-day. The two cars were manned by Supt. Patterson and dispatchers, foremen, and clerks. No attempt was made to molest them, and although rain fell a greater part of the day, the two cars seldom had a passenger. The tied-up region extends from Pittston to Forest City, a distance of thirty miles, and includes sixty-five miles of tracks on which are run ordinarily eighty cars. The men of the Wyoming Valley Traction Company, operating all the lines south of Pittston as far as Nanticoke, threaten to go on strike Thursday. With both companies tied up there will be a total cessation of street car traffic in a busy stretch of country eighty miles north, including the three big cities of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, and Pittston. The men demand 20 cents an hour for new men. At present the new men receive an average of 15-19 cents an hour, and after four years' service this is raised to 17-24 cents. They also demand a ten-hour day, instead of twelve hours, as at present. The company, in its answer to the grievance committee's demands, says it is not in a position to afford any increase in wages at this time.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 23.—The employees of the Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Valley Electric Railway Company and the officials of the company met in conference to-day to talk over certain grievances, which the men submitted to the company on Saturday. The employees demand a ten-hour day, instead of twelve hours, and after four years' service this is raised to 17-24 cents. They also demand a ten-hour day, instead of twelve hours, as at present. The company, in its answer to the grievance committee's demands, says it is not in a position to afford any increase in wages at this time.

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